

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2923 without my signature.

This bill reiterates existing law, which already requires the Secretary of the Resources Agency (Secretary) and State Lands Commission (SLC) to review certain state-owned lands for suitability or non-suitability as wilderness areas and to report to the Governor and the Legislature.

Additionally, this bill statutorily prioritizes specific state-owned lands for review as wilderness. These specific designations appear arbitrary and could result in the redirection of scarce resources from within the agency and its departments. I prefer to let the Secretary manage the reviews his agency and departments are required to conduct under existing law.

For these reasons, I cannot support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger